

In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1 1. [Currently amended] A computer implemented method for
2 creating and submitting to an accounting ledger system
3 digital signals representing a valid chart of accounts from
4 ~~which an administrator of a local enterprise can facilitate~~
5 ~~and enable a requisitioner to select~~ a valid general ledger
6 account ~~when generating~~ by a requisitioner upon generating a
7 requisition for goods and services with reference to a chart
8 of general ledger account codes mapped to commodity codes
9 prepared and stored as digital signals in a chart of
10 accounts database by an administrator of an enterprise,
11 comprising the steps of:

12 establishing a communication link with an external
13 enterprise catalog computer system; [[and]]

14 building with reference to said enterprise catalog
15 computer system an appropriate chart of accounts for a
16 given company as digital signals in an electronic
17 storage device ~~for a given company;~~

18 transmitting from said enterprise catalog computer
19 system as digital signals a chart of accounts with
20 descriptions to a requisition catalog computer system
21 database in a local enterprise specified format;

22 administrator selecting from said requisition catalog
23 computer system database valid accounts with
24 descriptions for a given commodity and purchase period
25 for said given company, said description mapping
26 general ledger account codes selected by said
27 administrator to a given commodity code from an
28 associated accounting computer system;

29 upon said requisitioner initiating a requisition
30 creation process, displaying to said requisitioner a
31 commodity description document presenting a plurality
32 of commodity descriptions and corresponding commodity
33 codes; [[and]]

34 said requisitioner selecting a selected commodity code
35 ~~from a~~ from said commodity description document[[,]]; i

36 ~~presenting~~ selecting from said chart of accounts
37 database only those general ledger accounting codes

appropriate ~~for a~~ for said selected commodity code ~~to~~
~~said requisitioner,~~ and initiating a proceed to
accounting process, ~~and~~ including presenting to said
requisitioner a financial worksheet with valid general
ledger accounts numbers and descriptions corresponding
to said selected commodity code; and

responsive to said mapping, said requisitioner
executing financial validation on a requisition for
said commodities by selecting from said financial
worksheet a general ledger account code mapped to said
given commodity code;

thereupon said requisitioner completing preparing said
requisition by ~~selecting general ledger accounting~~
~~codes, from those presented as appropriate to a~~
~~selected commodity code,~~ and populating fields in said
financial worksheet with properly designated general
ledger accounting codes;

communicating to and storing at said accounting ledger
system digital signals representing said valid general
ledger account.

1 2. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 requisitioner searching against commodities and
4 catalogs in commodity description documents and
5 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 3. [Previously presented] The method of claim 2, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 administrator creating a company commodity document
4 including for each commodity code under each company, a
5 commodity category code, a short description, a long
6 description, key words, approvers, financial
7 information, route-to buyer by plant association,
8 preferred supplier, and special handling codes;

9 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
10 process, which displays those line items from said
11 company commodity document which may be selected by
12 said requisitioner; and

13 displaying to said requisitioner an agent created

14 financial worksheet with fields which need to be
15 selected or populated by said requisitioner derived
16 from said company commodity document, based on purchase
17 type;

18 said requisitioner selecting from said company
19 commodity document and populating to said financial
20 worksheet valid general ledger accounts numbers and
21 descriptions.

4-14. [Canceled]

1 15. [Withdrawn] A computer program product for creating a
2 valid chart of accounts from which an administrator of a
3 local enterprise can facilitate and enable a requisitioner
4 to select a valid general ledger account, said computer
5 program product comprising:

6 a computer readable medium;

7 first program instructions to establish a communication
8 link with an external enterprise catalog computer
9 system to build an appropriate chart of accounts for a
10 given company;

11 second program instructions to transmit from said
12 enterprise catalog system a chart of accounts with
13 descriptions to a requisition catalog computer system
14 database;

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16 third program instructions to enable an administrator
17 to select from said requisition catalog computer system
18 database valid accounts with descriptions for a given
19 commodity and purchase period, said description mapping
20 account codes selected by said administrator to a given
21 commodity code from an associated accounting computer
22 system for use by a requester at a computer terminal to
23 select a correct general ledger account when doing
24 financial validation on a requisition for said
25 commodities;

26 fourth program instructions to enable said
27 administrator to then associate a selected
28 account/description tuple with company commodity groups
29 for use in a requisition creation process; and

30 fifth program instructions, responsive to said
31 requester selecting a commodity from a commodity
32 description document, to present said commodity codes,

33 initiate a proceed to accounting process, and to
34 present to said requisitioner a financial worksheet
35 with valid general ledger accounts numbers and
36 descriptions for selection by said requisitioner; and
37 wherein

38 said first, second, third, fourth, and fifth program
39 instructions are recorded on said medium.

16. [Canceled]

1 17. [Withdrawn] The computer program product of claim 15,
2 further comprising:

3 sixth program instructions to enable said administrator
4 to create a company commodity document including for
5 each commodity code under each company, a commodity
6 category code, a short description, a long description,
7 key words, approvers, financial information, route-to
8 buyer by plant association, preferred supplier, and
9 special handling codes all usable for enabling customer
10 selection of a correct commodity;

11 seventh program instructions responsive to said

12 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
13 process, to display at a computer terminal line items
14 which may be selected by said requisitioner; and

15 eighth program instructions to display at said computer
16 terminal an agent created financial worksheet with
17 fields which need to be selected or populated by
18 requisitioner derived from said company commodity
19 document, based on purchase type, thereby presenting
20 valid general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions
21 to said requisitioner at said computer terminal; and
22 wherein

23 said sixth, seventh, and eighth program instructions
24 are recorded on said medium.

1 18. [Withdrawn] The computer program product of claim 15,
2 further comprising:

3 sixth program instructions responsive to said
4 requisitioner searching against commodities and
5 catalogs in commodity description documents to create
6 one or more line items; and wherein

7 said sixth program instructions are recorded on said
8 medium.

1 19. [Withdrawn] The computer program of claim 18 further
2 comprising:

3 seventh program instructions for enabling said
4 administrator to create a company commodity document
5 including for each commodity code under each company, a
6 commodity category code, a short description, a long
7 description, key words, approvers, financial
8 information, route-to buyer by plant association,
9 preferred supplier, and special handling codes all
10 usable for enabling customer selection of a correct
11 commodity;

12 eighth program instructions responsive to said
13 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
14 process to display line items which may be selected by
15 said requisitioner; and

16 ninth program instructions to display at said computer
17 terminal an agent created financial worksheet with
18 fields which need to be selected or populated by said

19 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,
20 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid
21 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to
22 said requisitioner; and wherein

23 said seventh, eighth, and ninth program instructions
24 are recorded on said medium.

1 20. [Currently amended] The method of claim 3, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 displaying to said administrator an accounting computer
4 system generated chart of accounts, said chart
5 including for each account an account identifier and
6 commodity description;

7 responsive to administrator selection, associating a
8 selected commodity description and account identifier
9 from said chart of accounts with a company commodity
10 group document together with information describing a
11 correct commodity; and

12 responsive to said information, said requisitioner
13 selecting said correct commodity.

1 21. [Previously presented] The method of claim 20, said
2 information including commodity description, approvers,
3 general ledger account, route-to buyer, and preferred
4 supplier.

22-23. [Canceled]

1 24. [Newly added] The method of claim 21, said information
2 further including sub-commodity codes, and further including
3 the steps of

4 sub-dividing a plurality of goods under a given
5 commodity; and

6 for each sub-commodity code linking a corresponding
7 sub-commodity to corresponding suppliers and purchase
8 processes.